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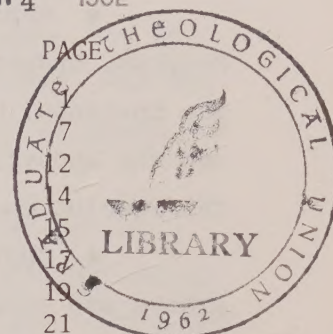
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Note: After 20 deadlocked ballots, the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego was unable to elect a bishop on April 24 and the convention recessed until May 15 when the delegates will try again.

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DPS 82100

GREENWICH, Conn. (DPS, April 27) -- The Executive Council of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church held its official annual meeting April 19-21 at Seabury House here.

The Council -- which sets policy and develops programs for the Church between the triennial meetings of the General Convention -- consists of 44 members: 24 elected by the Convention; 18 elected by the Church's nine internal provinces, and the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, and the President of the House of Deputies, Dr. Charles R. Lawrence. The Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum is secretary.

Changes in the Church's laws in the fall of 1979 have doubled the number of provincial representatives -- provinces previously elected one each -- and pared back the representation elected directly by each Convention from 14 to 10.

Most resolutions for Council action come through six standing committees and occasionally a special committee or sub-committee.

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The Council took the following actions:

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION

- Received by title a report from Treasurer Matthew Costigan which continues to show favorable trends.
- Approved a resolution to recommend to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance of the General Convention that the General Budget of the Episcopal Church be \$20,369,000, and for the years 1984 and 1985 that the amount and the apportionment to dioceses be determined by approved formulas as set forth in the resolutions.
- Approved a resolution specifying that \$245,936 of the excess revenue over grants and expenses for the year 1981 be set aside as a reserve for emergencies, for budgeting purposes only.
- Approved a resolution to be submitted to General Convention calling on all "congregations" in the Church to evaluate their lives and ministry, to increase their efforts through service, worship, evangelism, education, and pastoral care.
- Approved a resolution to be submitted to General Convention urging all congregational groupings in the Church to increase their ministry to the poor in their neighborhoods and to share their financial resources with the larger Church, such offerings to be administered through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the Coalition for Human Needs.
- Heard a report from Harrison Tillman, chairman of the Audit Committee, which indicated that the financial condition of the Church is good and that appropriate cost controls will be in effect during General Convention in September to prevent overspending the budget.
- Adopted a resolution which established a United Thank Offering Memorial Trust Fund, the income from which will pay for travel and meeting expenses of members of the UTO committee.
- Established an Episcopal Church of Liberia Endowment Fund which will incorporate an endowment fund of \$3 million which the Liberian Church hopes to raise in the next ten years.
- Heard that additional nominees, for its trust fund committee, which the Council requested in February in support of its affirmative action policy, will be submitted next November or February.



WORLD MISSION IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

- Received with appreciation a report on overseas missionary personnel -- new appointments: The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Hendrickson to the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania; Stephanie Hodgkins, Kongwa, Tanzania; the Rev. Paul Lawson, chaplain to the Canterbury Group, Saudi Arabia; the Rev. Frederick Phinney, director of St. Julian's Training and Conference Center, Nairobi, Kenya; the Rev. Robert and Mrs. Jeanette Renouf, Diocese of Nicaragua; and terminations: The Rev. L. Dickens Celestin, from Indian Ocean; the Rev. Roger Williams, from Okinawa; the Rev. Richard Menees, from Rwanda.

- Established or renewed Companion Diocese Relationships between the following dioceses: Milwaukee and Nicaragua; Alabama and Namibia; and Pittsburgh and Chili; and terminated the relationship between the Dioceses of Long Island and the Lusitanian Church of Portugal.

- Approved a paper on the structure and function of the United Thank Offering Committee (1979-1982).

- Condemned the action of the government of South Africa for refusing to grant permanent residence status to the Rt. Rev. Graham Chadwick, Bishop of Kimberly and Kurumal, and extended greetings to and offered prayers for him and the people of South Africa.

- Approved a Namibia Position Paper which was formulated by an ecumenical group from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, France and West Germany and which asks the governments of those nations to promote a settlement in Namibia based on United Nations Resolution 435.

- Heard that the Rt. Rev. Richard A. Abellon, Bishop of Northern Philippines, will be installed as Prime Bishop of the Philippine Episcopal Church on May 10.

- Heard a presentation by Dr. Edward A. Holmes, Overseas Development Officer at the Episcopal Church Center, on the use of government funding.

- Extended its "blessings and joy" for the election of the Rev. David B. Birney as Bishop of Idaho.

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COMMUNICATION

- Voted to send a letter of sympathy to Evelyn Shipman following the recent death of her husband, George, who had served as a deputy to several General Conventions from the Diocese of Olympia.



- Re-elected nine members to the board of the Seabury Press, class of 1985.
- Approved a resolution calling on dioceses, congregations, the Presiding Bishop and the communication staff at the Episcopal Church Center to "broaden and increase the use of television in every possible way throughout the Church."
- Voted to send greetings to former member Marion Kellerman who is ill.

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#### VENTURE IN MISSION

- Heard that as of April 14, more than \$142 million has been pledged for Venture in Mission, with \$37 million of that total for national case book projects, with \$15.3 million received so far for those projects, and \$11.5 million disbursed.
- Approved a resolution calling for the transfer of funds designated for recruitment, training and deployment of black clergy to a Black Ministries Special Account, disbursements from which include the making of a movie on black ministries.
- Approved the release of designated funds, as received, for the Urban Indian Episcopal Council, Minnesota, a project for the strengthening of that diocese's American Indian ministry in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.
- Voted to release \$100,000 which has been designated by the Diocese of Texas for the rebuilding of St. Mary's Mission School at Obido in Namibia.

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#### NATIONAL MISSION IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

- Instructed the treasurer to vote the Church's shares in favor of a stockholder resolution with Phibro, calling on that corporation not to make loans or underwrite any bond sales to the government of South Africa until that government's "system of racist laws and regulations have been revoked and meaningful steps have been taken in the direction of majority rule including full political, economic and social rights for the black population."
- Approved a resolution calling for the 1983 national budget of the United States to reflect concerns for the needs of individuals and the need for national security, for adequate programs, funds and services to the poor and disadvantaged; for reducing the military askings in the President's original budget requests; and that the President and members of Congress be notified of the Council's action.

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- Noted with approval the news that Nestle, S.A., has indicated its intention to comply with the World Health Organization's Code on Infant Formula Promotion and pledged to continue to work toward the solution of remaining problems in this area of concern.

- Called on U.S. producers of infant formula to follow the example of Nestle, S.A., in adopting similar voluntary marketing and promotion guidelines so as to conform to the code of the World Health Organization.

- Heard Council member John Cannon of Detroit, chairman of the Social Responsibility in Investments committee, report that representatives of Dresser Industries have accepted an invitation to meet with some members of his committee in May in Washington to engage in dialogue about mutual concerns.

- Endorsed by a vote of 18 to 13 the Interreligious Emergency Campaign for Economic Justice whose goal is to persuade members of Congress to preserve federal programs to aid the poor, such as food stamps, aid to families with dependent children, housing subsidies and medicaid.

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#### SECRETARY OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- Received by title a list of communications received by the Secretary, the Rev. Canon James R. Gundrum, and referred the letters and resolutions to appropriate committees of Council.

- Received by title a summary of minutes of four interim bodies of General Convention as reported by the Convention's Executive Officer, Canon Gundrum.

- Received copies of "A Feasibility and Utilization Study of College Campuses for a General Convention," and heard Canon Gundrum summarize some of the findings of the model.

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#### PRESIDING BISHOP

- Heard Presiding Bishop John M. Allin speak on the mission of the Church, especially in congregating units, and in relation to the Council's report and proposal to General Convention in September.

- Heard a brief report on the progress on the making of a movie which, along with the Council's report, "The Next Step," will be its triennial proposal to General Convention.



- Heard Presiding Bishop Allin outline some of the developing plans for special presentation and speakers for three mornings during General Convention.
- Heard Presiding Bishop Allin welcome the members of the press who were covering the meeting.

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#### EDUCATION FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

- Approved an appropriation of up to \$15,000 from the Constable Fund to cover the final publication costs of the book *A Christian Education Outline for Episcopal Congregations*.
- Heard a brief report on the draft counseling service at the Education for Mission and Ministry office at the Episcopal Church Center, and heard that some 200 inquiries have been received and 800 packets of material distributed.
- Heard a report from Mrs. Betty Baker, Presiding Officer of the Triennial Meeting of the Women of the Episcopal Church, on program and schedule plans for their sessions in New Orleans in September.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

- Discharged with thanks an ad hoc committee on affirmative action, chaired by Harry Griffith of Winter Park, Fla., which prepared for Council approval several policy papers.

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1983 GENERAL CHURCH  
BUDGET PROPOSED

DPS 82101

GREENWICH, Conn. (DPS, April 27) -- Effective Christian ministry in local congregations of all sizes must be a major thrust by the Episcopal Church during the 1983-1985 trienium, according to a proposal that will be submitted to the 67th General Convention by the National Executive Council and the Presiding Bishop.

During their April 19-21 meeting here, Council members put the final touches on a set of recommendations to the Convention, scheduled to meet in September in New Orleans. Included are:

- the suggestion that each congregation evaluate its ministry -- and estimate its ministry potential -- regarding its effectiveness in the areas of service, worship, evangelism, education and pastoral care;
- the establishment of a fund through which Episcopal congregations will be able to contribute to the needs of persons suffering because of the nation's present economic conditions -- particularly those in cities;
- the on-going support for Venture in Mission as it is being continued in many places and contemplated in still others;
- a \$20,369,000 General Church Budget for 1983, together with a formula for determining the annual budgets for 1984 and 1985 as well.

Presiding Bishop John M. Allin urged Council members to support the fund for human need. He said it was motivated in part by a report to General Convention from the Standing Commission on Metropolitan Areas which had called for a lesser amount to be set aside from the General Church Budget for the same purpose. Another source of support for the fund is those who feel the Episcopal Church should respond in some visible manner to calls by the federal administration to have more human needs met by the private sector, including churches.

"The capacity of this church to respond to acute human need is far greater than what we could do through the General Budget," said Allin. "Remember that the General Budget is an operational budget, basically, and not intended to be a program budget." He added that the estimated 1981 total income of all congregations in the Episcopal Church combined was more than \$700 million. "This leads me to believe that we have the capacity to respond by sharing at least \$13 million with those who are disadvantaged," said the Presiding Bishop.

Council members questioned Allin closely about how money for the fund would be received and administered, some suggesting that new staff might be needed for the



purpose. The Presiding Bishop responded that he feels the fund can be administered effectively using such established structures as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the Coalition for Human Needs.

The 1983 budget was adopted as proposed by a committee of Executive Council committee chairmen and executives on the Episcopal Church Center staff with but one change. The line item for Public Issues and Peace Concerns, which had been budgeted for \$52,000, was divided into two line items, with \$32,000 for Public Issues and \$40,000 for Peace, for a total of \$72,000. The \$20,000 increase for this issue was taken from an item in the reserve section, Emerging Mission Needs, which was reduced to \$110,000.

Council member Mary Flagg of Portland, Maine, who is also a member of the General Convention's Commission on Peace, spoke strongly in favor of increasing the item for peace in the 1983 budget.

The Executive Council's proposal to the Convention -- and to the Episcopal Church -- will include a 16 mm motion picture. The film will be the Council's official report, a celebration of what has happened and of what is happening because of Venture in Mission, and as a way of putting the renewal of mission in local congregations before the Church as a top priority. A print of the film will be provided to every diocese after the Convention.

Allin reported that Venture in Mission income to date is about \$142 million, and he noted that there is ample time yet for more dioceses to participate.

In urging the Council to join him in recommending the proposal to General Convention, Allin said he hoped that the New Orleans meeting will be "the church organizing for mission rather than the meeting of a debating society." In addition to the motion picture, the proposal will include a green-covered guide book containing the proposal for more effective ministry in congregations, the 1983 budget, a presentation of the special fund for human need and information about Venture in Mission.

The Very Rev. Allen Bartlett of Louisville, Ky., told his fellow Council members that the New Orleans Convention might be a "hinge upon which the Church could swing away from looking at its own concerns to looking toward the concerns of the world."

"If we can go to General Convention and say that we as a community of Christians have this sort of generosity and commitment, it would be as much impact on this problem as any church has made to date. The opportunity is before us."

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Attachments:

Summary of Income chart.

Summary of Expenditures chart

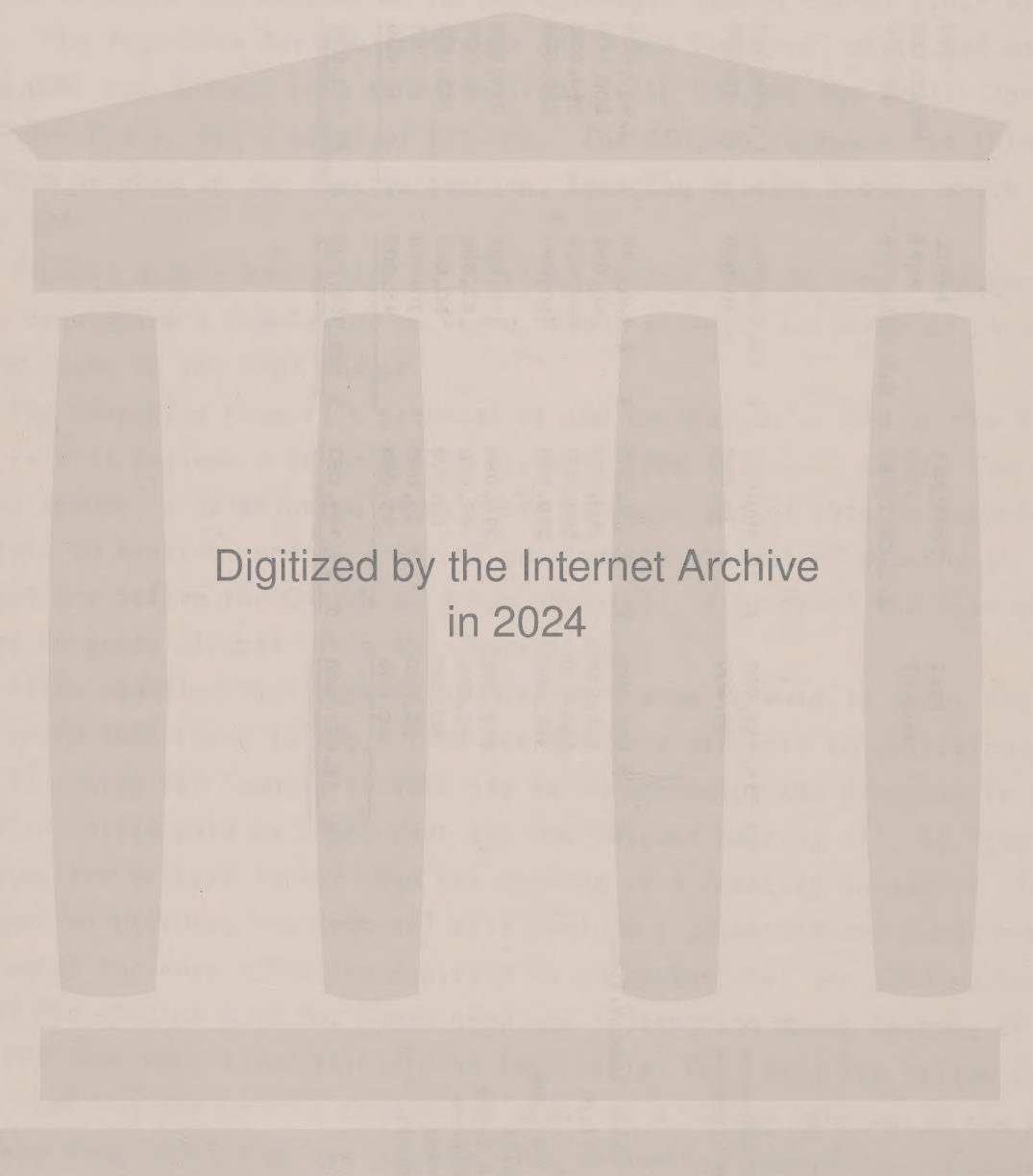
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THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SUMMARY OF INCOME

	1982 BUDGET	FEBRUARY 1983 E.C.CHAIRMEN	APRIL 1983 E.C.CHAIRMEN	1984 ESTIMATED INCOME	1985 ESTIMATED INCOME
<b>FROM DIOCESAN SOURCES</b>					
Apportionment - U.S. Dioceses	\$ 15,145,000	\$ 16,400,000	\$ 16,400,000	\$ 17,970,000	\$ 18,870,000
Voluntary - Overseas Dioceses	35,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
<b>FROM OTHER SOURCES</b>					
Trust Fund Income - Other than V.I.M.	\$ 2,021,000	\$ 2,325,000	\$ 2,325,000	\$ 2,450,000	\$ 2,575,000
Trust Fund Income - V.I.M.	165,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Short-Term Investments	550,000	563,000	563,000	563,000	563,000
Prior Years' Budget Balance	381,000	250,000	450,000 *	250,000	250,000
Reserve for Emergencies					245,000
Recovery of Building Costs	209,000	219,000	219,000	230,000	241,000
From Trust held by Others	85,000	87,000	87,000	90,000	93,000
U.T.O. Designated Grant	60,000	60,000	60,000	65,000	65,000
Prior Years' Adjustments	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Special Gifts	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Grand Total INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 18,681,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,169,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,369,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,883,000</u>	<u>\$ 23,167,000</u>





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## THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

## EDUCATION FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

	1982 BUDGET	FEBRUARY 1983 E.C. CHAIRMEN	APRIL 1983 E.C. CHAIRMEN
Staff and Supportive Costs			
Ministries for Children, Youth, Adults,			
Women; Evangelism, Higher Education,			
Council for Ministry,			
Liturgical Program, B.T.E., C.D.O.,			
Pastoral Development, Suffragan for			
Chaplaincies, Black Colleges			
	\$ 1,149,209	\$ 1,195,173	\$ 1,195,173
Total	\$ 1,708,964	\$ 2,117,586	\$ 2,117,586
	\$ 2,858,173	\$ 3,312,759	\$ 3,312,759

## NATIONAL MISSION IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Staff and Supportive Costs			
National Mission Development:			
(APSC, C-14, Urban and Rural Planning			
Ethnic Ministries, Special Ministries)			
	\$ 868,678	\$ 947,349	\$ 947,349
	\$ 2,209,500	\$ 2,281,000	\$ 2,301,000
Human Needs and Justice:			
Jubilee Ministry Coordination			
Coalition for Human Needs, Housing, Hunger,			
Social Ministries, Social Issues,			
Social Responsibility in Investments,			
Washington Office, Ecumenical Agencies			
	\$ 1,217,750	\$ 1,328,150	\$ 1,328,150
Total	\$ 4,295,928	\$ 4,556,499	\$ 4,646,499

## WORLD MISSION IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Staff and Supportive Costs			
(Including U.T.O. and P.B. Fund)			
Anglican Mission			
Overseas Episcopal Dioceses			
Overseas Missionary Support			
Ecumenical Agencies			
Volunteers for Mission Program			
Ecumenical Relationships			
Development Project Planning			
	\$ 892,418	\$ 927,177	\$ 927,177
	1,002,715	994,096	994,096
	3,548,144	3,681,666	3,681,666
	1,239,066	1,316,440	1,316,440
	18,000	18,400	18,400
	61,500	65,625	65,625
	239,222	254,206	254,206
	0	30,000	30,000
Total	\$ 7,001,065	\$ 7,287,610	\$ 7,287,610



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THE GENERAL BUDGET OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES (Continued)

	1982 BUDGET	FEBRUARY 1983 E.C. CHAIRMEN	APRIL 1983 E.C. CHAIRMEN
COMMUNICATION	\$ 754,128	\$ 802,083	\$ 802,083
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 412,849	\$ 572,960	\$ 572,960
FINANCE	\$ 776,877	\$ 805,919	\$ 805,919
RESERVES AND CONTINGENCIES	\$ 231,018	\$ 251,121	\$ 361,121
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND PERSONNEL	\$ 2,350,962	\$ 2,580,049	\$ 2,580,049
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 18,681,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,169,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,369,000</u>



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COUNCIL VOTES  
NATIONAL BUDGET CONCERNS

DPS 82102

GREENWICH, Conn. (DPS, April 27) -- The 44-member Executive Council of the Episcopal Church has called on the President and members of Congress to provide a national budget for fiscal 1983 that reflects "a Christian balance between the need to care for individuals and the need to assure that the nation remain strong."

Meeting at Seabury House here April 19-21, the Council called on the President and the lawmakers to provide adequate programs and services for the poor and disadvantaged while at the same time they urged the Congress to approve military expenditures at an amount less than that which the President originally requested.

The Council's resolution, copies of which were directed to be sent to the President and members of Congress, noted "that a nation's strength consists not primarily in armaments but in commitment to Christian ideals of love, justice, peace and the care of the poor and disadvantaged."

The Council, by a vote of 18 to 13, endorsed the Interreligious Emergency Campaign for Economic Justice. The resolution was brought to the floor of Council by a less than unanimous vote of the National Mission in Church and Society standing committee.

The purpose of this organization was said to be to attempt to persuade Congress to continue certain federal programs for the poor and disadvantaged, such as food stamps, aid to families with dependent children, housing subsidies and Medicaid. The endorsement was not supported by the National Mission staff at the Church Center, according to Joseph Hargrove, chairman of the standing committee, because there are other organizations already supported by the Church doing the same thing. These include Bread for the World and the Interreligious Task Force on the U.S. Food Policy.

Hargrove also pointed out that the resolution came to the committee at the last minute and there was not time to arrive at satisfactory answers to questions such as the names of other supporters and the accountability procedures of the organization.

The Rev. Junius Carter of Pittsburgh, who presented the resolution to the Council, emphasized that this organization is engaged in a short-term, intensified effort to secure justice for the poor and disadvantaged.

The Council approved two resolutions concerning its policy on infant formula, one commending Nestle, S.A. for its stated intention to comply with the guidelines of the World Health Organization and the second urging U.S. manufacturers of infant formula to do the same.

For several years, the Executive Council has expressed a concern that Nestle and other manufacturers of infant formula have not complied with the World Health Organization's position against inappropriate promotion of such formula in areas of the world where poverty, illiteracy, impure water or inadequate sanitation are prevalent.

While the Council commended Nestle for its agreement to comply with the Code on Infant Formula Promotion, it also pledged to continue its efforts toward the solution of any remaining problems.

The second resolution on infant formula urged United States manufacturers to follow the example of Nestle by adopting "voluntary marketing and promotion guidelines." U.S. producers include Mead-Johnson, Bristol Myers, and American Home Products.

The Executive Council had not formally endorsed a boycott of Nestle products as many institutions have done.

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BOOTY TO BE DEAN  
OF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

DPS 82103

SEWANEE, Tenn. (DPS, April 27) -- The Rev. John E. Booty, a professor at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and author of numerous books and articles on church history, prayer, and spiritual life, has been elected dean of the School of Theology at the University of the South here.

The announcement was made by Robert M. Ayres, Jr., vice chancellor and president of the University, following Booty's election by the University's Board of Regents.

"Dr. Booty has been carefully chosen to lead our School of Theology," said Ayres. "His wide range of experience and service in the life of the Episcopal Church and his devotion and commitment to the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will provide the type of leadership we desire at this University."

Booty will assume his duties in August as the permanent replacement for the Very Rev. Urban T. Holmes III, who died in August 1981. The Rt. Rev. Girault M. Jones, former University chancellor and retired Bishop of Louisiana, has been serving as interim dean.

An ordained Episcopal minister since 1954, Booty began teaching in 1958 at Virginia Theological Seminary, moving in 1967 to Episcopal Divinity School. His field of specialization has been church history since he began graduate work at Princeton University.

He did his undergraduate work at Wayne University in Detroit and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. Following his ordination, he served churches in Princeton, N.J., Harrisville, Mich., and Hamilton and Belmont, Mass. He received his M.A. degree from Princeton in 1957 and his Ph.D., also from Princeton, in 1960.

Booty has contributed articles to many church publications as well as several encyclopedias. One of his best known recent books is *The Servant Church: Diaconal Ministry and the Episcopal Church*. He is working on *A New History of the Episcopal Church*, scheduled for publication in 1984. He has a special interest in the lives and works of John Jewel and Richard Hooker.

Booty and his wife Catherine Louise Smith Booty have four children.

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Note: A photograph of Dr. John E. Booty is available on request from the Diocesan Press Service.

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DELEGATION WILL ATTEND  
INSTALLATION OF ABELLON

DPS 82104

NEW YORK (DPS, April 27) -- A U.S. Episcopal delegation headed by the Rt. Rev. Donald Davies, Bishop of Dallas, will attend the installation of the new Prime Bishop of the Philippine Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop John M. Allin announced here.

The installation is scheduled for May 10 at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John in Quezon City near Manila.

On that date the Rt. Rev. Richard Abbelon, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Philippines, will be instituted as Prime Bishop of the Philippine Episcopal Church. In this post he succeeds the Rt. Rev. Constancio Manguramas, Bishop of the southern diocese. According to the canons of the Church in the Philippines, the Prime Bishop is elected for a period of three years. \*

Davies, who is president of Province VII, is a member of the Executive Council's World Mission Committee and the Standing Commission on World Mission of the General Convention.

The delegation also includes the Rt. Rev. David B. Reed, Bishop of Kentucky and chairman of the Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations. He is a long-time participant in the Wider Episcopal Fellowship, the group of non-Anglican churches in full communion with the Episcopal Church.

Also a member of the delegation is the Rev. Canon Oliver Garver, ordinary to Bishop Robert C. Rusack of Los Angeles and noted for his deep concern for the ministry of the Church with Asian Americans and Pacific Islands people in the United States.

While in the Philippines the Episcopal delegation will call on the Supreme Council of Bishops of the Philippine Independent Church with which the Episcopal Church has had a concordat since 1961.

Allin said that the delegation will convey his personal greetings to the bishops and will explore various matters concerning the implementation of the concordat of full Communion. The Independent Church claims about three million members.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines is a product of the missionary work of the U.S. Episcopal Church. The first Anglican service on record was conducted by a U.S. Army chaplain in 1898, at the time of the Spanish-American war.

A few months later missionaries arrived and in 1901 the first bishop, the Rt. Rev. Charles Brent, was consecrated.

After a long missionary effort on the part of the Filipinos and Americans the Church grew to the point that it became necessary to divide the country into three dioceses. Thus, in 1972 the dioceses of Northern, Central and Southern Philippines were constituted.

Since then, plans for autonomy have been greatly improved. At the present time, the three bishops -- and almost all the clergy -- are native Filipinos.

"We hope that in a not too distant future our Church here will become self-governing, self-propagating and self-sustaining," said Abellon at the time of his election as Prime Bishop.

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SEABURY HOUSE  
CONFERENCE CENTER SOLD

DPS 82105

GREENWICH, Conn. (DPS, April 27) -- The Board of Seabury House, the Episcopal Church's national conference center on Round Hill Road here, has entered into contract with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neff, of Lake Avenue, Greenwich, for the purchase of the Seabury House. This action was completed for the Seabury House Board through the firm of Emlen & Brazier of New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff plan to restore Seabury House to its original residential status. The Seabury House property includes the large main house, four other smaller dwellings and over fifty acres of land with extensive woodlands and a lake.

The Rt. Rev. Milton L. Wood, Executive for Administration at the Episcopal Church Center in New York, said that the decision of the Board of Seabury House to sell was prompted by the decreasing use of the property by national Church groups. Wood said that Episcopalians are grateful for the hospitality and meeting arrangements that have been provided over the years by Seabury House, as well as for the Church's life and work. He said that he is pleased that the house will be restored as one of the beautiful homes in Greenwich.

The Seabury House property was the country estate of Herbert Satterlee when it was purchased by the Episcopal Church in 1947. The move to acquire the property was led by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, then the Church's Presiding Bishop. Sherrill told deputies to the Episcopal Church's 1946 General Convention that he would need some "tools for his work," including a place where clerical and lay Episcopalians could meet and a guest house where visitors from all parts of the world could be housed. In response to Sherrill's request, a committee headed by the Rt. Rev. William Appleton Lawrence, then the Bishop of Western Massachusetts, was appointed to set the proposal into action.

Seabury House was named for the Rt. Rev. Samuel Seabury, who in 1784 became the first Episcopal bishop to serve in the United States. He was Bishop of Connecticut.

According to the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, Presiding Bishop and chairman of the Seabury House Board, the Episcopal Church will use proceeds from the sale to create a special fund as a memorial to Sherrill. The income from the fund will enable the Church Executive Council and other groups to meet regularly in a variety of places throughout the United States.

"Seabury House was purchased in 1947 under the leadership of Sherrill who had the vision to foresee that changing needs were before the church," commented Allin. "Just as the original purchase of the property has helped the Church meet many needs for more than 30 years, so the income from its sale will allow us to continue to serve in the future."

Allin noted that Seabury House has been used for the most part by non-Episcopal church groups in the recent past. Most of the Episcopal Church's national meetings and conferences are now held closer to airports and in places throughout the nation with better access to public transportation, including many regional conference centers.

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CHURCH AND UNIVERSITY  
TO AID AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

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By Ruth Nicastro

LOS ANGELES (DPS, April 27) -- A long-term solution to the problems of hunger, poverty and disease in Africa is the goal of a new partnership between the Episcopal Church and the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

Three staff officers from the Episcopal Church Center in New York met with university officials here March 30 to set up procedures by which UCLA's African Studies Center and the Church can use each other's particular expertise and experience to further agricultural and economic development in Africa.

Church Center participants in the day-long discussions were the Rev. Samuel Van Culin, Executive for World Mission; Dr. Edward Holmes, Development Planning Officer for World Mission; and Dr. David Crean, National Hunger Officer.

UCLA participants were Dr. Michael Lofchie, Director of the African Studies Center; Dr. James Coleman, chairman of the University's Council on International and Comparative Studies; Vice Chancellor Elwin Svenson; and the Rev. Stephen Commins, an Episcopal priest who is Coordinator of the Food and Agriculture Project at the African Studies Center.

"Our mission program is deeply integrated with the commitment to development," Van Culin told the group. "Our reason for being involved is to help the local church in Africa become an instrument of long-term development there."

The African Studies Center is equally committed to African development, in keeping with what Coleman termed UCLA's "international mindedness." He added that "if development projects are to be successful, they must be motivated by indigenous people within their own structures in terms of their own capability."

Pointing to the Anglican Church's long history of missionary work in Africa, which has left a legacy of institutions in place and the tradition of cooperative church-state relations, Lofchie noted that the Church is "already involved in development projects at the grassroots level in many places in Africa. We ask to be involved with you."

While the partnership envisions a closer interdependency, a working relationship between the Church and the African Studies Center is not new, as is evidenced by Commins' position on the Center staff. In February the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief granted the Center \$25,000 to further the work of its Food and Agriculture Projects. A like sum was granted for other work by the Project last year. Local Presiding Bishop's Fund Board members Betty Connelly and Frank Marshall

participated in the March 30 discussions. A large part of the Food and Agriculture Project's present work involves educating the public through workshops, lectures, conferences and printed materials. Education to the need for proper development in Africa is essential, all participants agreed. The Church's existing national hunger network will be a key channel for this, Crean said.

Education at many levels will be an important dimension of the new relationship. The African Studies Center is developing a curriculum which would be relevant to seminarians -- both those hoping to work in the mission field and also those who will eventually be responsible for teaching American congregations about overseas development. "No seminary currently has any such curriculum," Holmes pointed out. Internships at the Center for a few seminarians each year would be encouraged.

Another plan is to bring African church leaders and seminarians to the Center for graduate training in such areas as planning, management and public health. The lack of such skills is a major concern with the Office for World Mission.

"Ultimately the development process requires the development of leadership," Holmes summed up. "We must train people to assume responsibility for their own destiny. This is an area where the Church and the university can be effective together."

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BELSHAW ELECTED  
BISHOP COADJUTOR

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TRENTON, N.J. (DPS, April 27) -- The present suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey was elected bishop coadjutor of that diocese by a large majority on the first ballot at a special convention at Trinity Cathedral here on April 24.

The Rt. Rev. G.P. Mellick Belshaw received a large majority vote in both the clerical and lay orders in an election for the successor to the present bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Albert W. VanDuzer, who plans to retire Dec. 31 at the age of 65. VanDuzer has been head of the 14-county diocese in southern New Jersey since 1973.

A diocesan nominating committee presented the names of five candidates and one priest was nominated from the floor.

Belshaw, 53, has been suffragan or assisting bishop in the diocese since 1975. As bishop coadjutor he has automatic succession to the post of diocesan bishop.

A native of Plainfield, N.J., Belshaw is a graduate of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by General.

He was rector of St. George-by-the-River, Rumson, N.J., when he was elected to the episcopate. He had previously served congregations in Hawaii and Delaware.

Belshaw, in accepting his election, told the 800 persons at the cathedral, "We move into an unknown future together, in and through the Holy Spirit. Our spirituality will show us the way. We are called upon to be people of expectation, alert and ready for action when the Master calls, whether in the middle of the night, or just before dawn."

In an earlier statement, Belshaw had said about the ministry of the Church, "In a world marred by violence, the Servant Church is called upon to be a peace-maker. In a world marred by poverty, racism and many forms of prejudice, we are called to fight injustice. In a world marred by apathy, we are called to minister with compassion."

In 1954 he and Elizabeth Wheeler were married and they have three children.

The standing committees and bishops of the Episcopal Church must approve his election before the result is official.





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MEXICAN SUFFRAGAN  
BISHOP RESIGNS

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MEXICO CITY (DPS, April 27) -- *La Buena Lid*, the paper of the Episcopal Diocese of Central and South Mexico, reported here that the Rt. Rev. Roberto Martinez, suffragan bishop of the diocese has presented his resignation as bishop to Presiding Bishop John M. Allin, Diocesan Bishop Jose G. Saucedo and the Standing Committee of the diocese.

His resignation has been accepted, subject to final approval by the House of Bishops. The paper did not elaborate on the reasons for his resignation.

Martinez was consecrated two years ago in an effort on the part of the Episcopal Church in Mexico to provide pastoral care to isolated areas.

The other suffragan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Claro Huerta, serves in the area of Veracruz.

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NATIVE AMERICAN  
MINISTRIES OFFICER NAMED

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NEW YORK (DPS, April 27) -- Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has named a member of the Penobscot nation to be the Episcopal Church's staff officer for Native American Ministries.

Alan Thomas Sanborn, of Milo, Maine, will replace Steve Charleston who left the post recently to become affiliated with the Dakota Leadership Program. Sanborn took up his duties at the Episcopal Church Center here on April 15.

Sanborn will work closely with a number of agencies relating to Native American concerns and especially the National Committee on Indian Work, a sub-committee of the National Mission in Church and Society standing committee of Executive Council under which this ministry falls.

His duties will be concerned with strengthening leadership among the constituents. Episcopal congregations of Native Americans are found in such widely separated areas as Navajoland, the Dakotas, Alaska, Minnesota, Nevada, Texas, California, Oregon and New York.

Much of the work involves ecumenical structures as well as diocesan, regional and provincial organizations. He will work closely with other program groups at the Church Center to enhance this ministry.

A graduate of the University of Maine, Sanborn was employed as director of Penobscot Indian Health/Human Services prior to his appointment at the Church Center. He was self-employed for a number of years prior to that position.

His training and experience include the areas of mental health, alcohol and drug abuse prevention, and counseling.

Sanborn is a postulant for holy orders from the Diocese of Maine.

He and his wife, Helene, have four children.

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